

SENIOR COURSE SELECTION

2018-2019 School Year

Please write your first and last name legibly on your course selection form.

OVERVIEW

▶ Course Selection Presentations

- ▶ Taking place Thursday, December 7th and Friday, December 8th

▶ Career Development and Course Planning Guide

- ▶ Your online resource for choosing appropriate courses
- ▶ Can be found online on the high school's website

▶ Online Course Registration

- ▶ You must sign into your Skyward account and complete your course registrations by Friday, December 15th
- ▶ You must also turn in your course selection sheet to the School Counseling Office by Friday, December 15th

▶ DECISIONS, DECISIONS!

- ▶ You have between today and the 15th to decide which courses you would like to take for the 2018-2019 school year (your senior year)

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- ▶ If at any point you think that you might be missing a graduation requirement, see your school counselor ASAP!!!
- ▶ 23 credits are needed to graduate from Germantown High School
 - ▶ English – 4 Credits
 - ▶ English 9, English 10, American Literature, 1.5 credits of English electives
 - ▶ Mathematics – 3 Credits
 - ▶ Must be in the same track
 - ▶ Science – 3 Credits
 - ▶ Social Studies – 3 Credits
 - ▶ American History, World History, 1.0 credit of social studies electives
 - ▶ Health
 - ▶ If not taken in 8th grade
 - ▶ Physical Education
 - ▶ PE 9, sophomore elective, junior elective
 - ▶ Electives – 8 Credits
 - ▶ Art, Business, Family & Consumer Science, Music, Technology & Engineering, World Languages
 - ▶ Personal Financial Literacy .5 credit (If you have not taken this yet you must sign up for it!)
 - ▶ Pass Civics Test

JUNIOR YEAR REVIEW

- ▶ All juniors are required to take and complete the following courses:
 - ▶ 1.0 credit of English
 - ▶ 1.0 credit of Math
 - ▶ 1.0 credit of Science
 - ▶ 1.0 credit of Social Studies
 - ▶ 0.5 credit of Phy Ed (Unless you successfully completed waiver requirements)
- ▶ Unsuccessful completion of any of these required credits means that you will need to retake the course(s)
 - ▶ Your counselor will automatically add any failed courses to your requests for the 2018-2019 school year
 - ▶ Electives (the courses you probably really want to take!!) may be removed to make room to retake a required course
 - ▶ Pass your classes so that you can take the classes you want to!

SENIOR REQUIREMENTS

- ▶ All senior students must enroll in:
 - ▶ 1.0 credit of English
 - ▶ Again, if you have not taken and passed Personal Financial Literacy you must take it senior year.
- ▶ Depending on how many study halls you want, you must also enroll in 5 – 6 credits of electives
 - ▶ 5 credits of electives = 6 credits = one study hall each semester
 - ▶ 5.5 credits of electives = 6.5 credits = one study hall ONE semester
 - ▶ 6 credits of electives = 7.0 credits = no study halls
- ▶ At this point, additional credits of Math, Science, Social Studies, and Phy Ed count as electives
- ▶ All students must enroll in a minimum of 6 credits of courses
- ▶ The maximum number of credits you can take is 7 credits

ALTERNATE REQUESTS

- ▶ We ask that you select some alternate courses in case we are not able to fit all of your first choices into your schedule
 - ▶ Selecting alternates saves us trying to track you down over the summer
- ▶ Select 3-4 other electives that you would be willing to take if you cannot get your first choice(s)
- ▶ Alternate requests will only used when your first choice does not fit into your schedule

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

▶ Advanced Placement (AP) Courses

▶ New for the 2018-2019 school year

- ▶ AP Computer Science Principles
- ▶ AP Human Geography
- ▶ AP Research

▶ Youth Apprenticeship

- ▶ Some Examples include: Banking, Machining/Tool & Die, Manufacturing, Auto Mechanics, Travel/Hotel Management, Manufacturing, and Nursing Assistant
- ▶ See your school counselor if you have questions about this program.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

- ▶ Co-Op
- ▶ Co-Op is a two-credit program-1 credit for the class, 1 credit for working
 - ▶ There are two Co-Op programs
 - ▶ 21st Century Skills (Business & Technology Education) – Mr. Daniels
 - ▶ Family & Consumer Science — Mrs. Bales
 - ▶ Your job determines which Co-Op you can participate in
 - ▶ Students interested in signing up need to obtain permission from Mr. Daniels or Mrs. Bales
 - ▶ Do not assume that you will be getting out at a certain time!!!
 - ▶ We do our best to get you out as early as we can, but sometimes the schedule just does not work that way

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

▶ Teacher's Aide (TA)

▶ TA (Z 305/Z 306)

- ▶ Speak with the staff member you would like to TA for and develop an initial agreement
- ▶ When your schedule comes out in August, speak with that teacher as soon as you can to find out which hour they need you
- ▶ Go see your counselor if anything in your schedule needs to be changed
- ▶ You will be provided with paperwork at the beginning of the year. Get this filled out as soon as you can.

▶ Elementary TA (Z 307/Z308)

- ▶ For students who have a serious interest in pursuing a career in education
- ▶ Students will work at one of the elementary schools under the supervision of a teacher
 - ▶ Assist with instruction, remediation, classroom duties, etc.
- ▶ See Mr. Benz

▶ ILC TA (Z 309/Z 310)

- ▶ Assisting academically struggling students in the Integrated Learning Center (ILC)
- ▶ Tutoring other students (especially in English and Math), checking assignment notebooks, helping with writing, etc.
- ▶ See Ms. Gliniecki in Room 151 or your school counselor

▶ Peer Coach TA (Z 311/Z312)

- ▶ See Mrs. Densing with questions
- ▶ Working with students with disabilities to develop communication and social skills

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

▶ Independent Study

- ▶ Talk to the teacher with whom you would like to do an independent study
- ▶ Register for the independent study course (Z 901 and/or Z 902)
 - ▶ It could be one semester or the entire year
- ▶ Also register for the course you plan to do the independent study in
 - ▶ This ensures that you will have a place to work
 - ▶ Example: You've already taken Woodworking Design and Techniques and you would like to continue to further develop your woodworking skills
- ▶ At the beginning of the semester you will do your IS, you and the teacher will work together to fill out the necessary paperwork

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

- ▶ Your teachers will be providing you with some additional information on the courses offered within their department
- ▶ If you see a “_____” next to the title of a course on your course selection sheet, it means that you need a teacher’s recommendation to enroll in the course
 - ▶ Example: If you would like to take AP English 12, you need to get approval from your current English teacher; if you would like to take Jazz Ensemble, you will need to speak to Mr. Bell
 - ▶ See your school counselor if you have questions regarding who you need to speak to in order to enroll in a course

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

- ▶ If you are having trouble deciding whether or not to take a course, sign up for it!
 - ▶ It's always easier to take it out of your schedule in August than try to add it in!
 - ▶ There might not have been enough interest for the course to run, it may be full, we might not be able to fit it into your schedule. etc.
- ▶ Once you enroll in your courses, you have until Wednesday, February 14th to change your mind and make adjustments to your requests
 - ▶ After February 14th, your course selections are final!!!!

CHOOSE YOUR COURSES WISELY

- ▶ Talk with your teachers and your parent(s)/guardian(s) to see which course(s) would be best for you
- ▶ Read the course descriptions in the Course Planning Guide
 - ▶ Don't take a course just because your friends have signed up for it
- ▶ Think about what you plan to do after you graduate from high school:
 - ▶ What should I take if I plan to go to college? Technical school? Pursue an apprenticeship?
 - ▶ Some English and Social Studies courses are not considered college-prep
 - ▶ What career(s) am I interested in?
 - ▶ What courses does GHS offer that could help me explore those interests further?
 - ▶ Utilize the Course Planning Guide – there are a lot of resources in it that will help you answer these questions
- ▶ Utilize Career Cruising
- ▶ See your school counselor if you would like more information about a particular course

HOW TO REGISTER

- ▶ You will receive instructions on how to register for courses this week via Skyward
- ▶ Use this time to talk with teachers, consult the Course Guide book, talk with your parents, think about your postsecondary goals, etc.

FINAL THOUGHTS

- ▶ You must log into YOUR Skyward account by Friday, December 15th and complete your course registration online
 - ▶ You will not be able to sign up for courses if you use your parents' account
- ▶ Turn in your course selection form to the School Counseling Office by December 15th
 - ▶ Make sure that what you sign up for online is actually circled on your course selection sheet
 - ▶ It's our back-up in case we lose any information online!
- ▶ If you have questions about anything, see your school counselor:
 - ▶ Mrs. Mueller (A – F) Mr. Benz (M – Sch)
 - ▶ Mrs. Hernandez (G – L) Mrs. Bast (Sci – Z)

QUESTIONS?